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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN'S VIEWS ON U.S. GENERALIZED SYSTEM

OF TRADE PREFERENCES (GSP)

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1. DURING A REVIEW OF PAKISTAN'S TRADE POLICIES AND
PERFORMANCE BEFORE THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE MINISTRY
OF COMMERCE ON JUNE 5, COMMERCE MINISTER MIR AFZAL KHAN
REFERRED TO PAKISTAN'S TRADE WITH THE U.S. AND THE U.S.
GSP.

2. THE REPORT IN THE DAWN NEWSPAPER (KARACHI), THE ONLY
PUBLICATION WE HAVE SEEN TO REPORT THIS, WAS BRIEF AND READS
AS FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT. REFERRING TO PAKISTAN'S TRADE WITH
THE USA, HE (MIR AFZAL KHAN) SAID 56 PERCENT OF THIS
COUNTRY'S EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSISTED OF
TEXTILE ITEMS WHICH WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE PURVIEW OF
THE US GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES. HE SAID, " WE
HAVE IMPRESSED UPON THE US GOVERNMENT THAT AS TEXTILES HAVE
BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE GSP, OTHER ITEMS OF OUR EXPORT
INTERESTS, ESPECIALLY CANNED SHRIMPS, CARPETS, SPORTS GOODS,
MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS AND HANDICRAFTS, MUST BE INCLUDED IN
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THE GSP." END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: GOP TRADE OFFICIALS HAVE SEVERAL TIMES EXPRESSED
DISAPPOINTMENT TO EMBOFFS THAT TEXTILE ITEMS ARE EXCLUDED
FROM THE GSP. THE COMMERCE MINISTER'S LISTING OF OTHER
PAKISTANI EXPORTS THE GOP WISHES INCLUDED IN THE US GSP
IS THE FIRST SUCH ITEMIZATION THE EMBASSY HAS SEEN.
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